
By: **Senator Stone (Chairman, Ethics and Election Law Subcommittee)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Election Judges - Administrative Leave for State Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that a State employee who serves as an election judge
4 is entitled to use a certain number of hours of administrative leave, in addition
5 to receiving the compensation paid to election judges.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Election Law
8 Section 10-202
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2003 Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Election Law**

14 10-202.

15 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an election
16 judge shall be a registered voter who resides in the county for which the election judge
17 is appointed.

18 (2) (i) If a qualified individual residing in the county cannot be found
19 with reasonable effort, the local board may appoint a registered voter residing in any
20 part of the State.

21 (ii) A minor at least 17 years old who is appointed to be an election
22 judge and who is too young to be a registered voter shall demonstrate, to the
23 satisfaction of the local board, that the minor meets all of the other qualifications for
24 registration in the county.

25 (III) A STATE EMPLOYEE WHO VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS AN
26 ELECTION JUDGE IS ENTITLED TO USE 8 HOURS OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE ON THE
27 DAY OF SERVICE AS AN ELECTION JUDGE AND SHALL RECEIVE THE ELECTION
28 JUDGE COMPENSATION AS SPECIFIED IN § 10-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (b) An election judge shall be able to speak, read, and write the English
2 language.

3 (c) An election judge may not engage in any partisan or political activity that
4 is proscribed by § 2-301 of this article.

5 (d) A local board may adopt guidelines consistent with the provisions of this
6 title for the determination of the qualifications of persons considered for appointment
7 and for the process of appointment as election judges. To the extent not inconsistent
8 with this subtitle, the guidelines may provide for the appointment of an election
9 judge, other than the chief judge, to serve for less than a full day and for the judge to
10 be compensated, on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the fees set under § 10-205 of
11 this subtitle for a judge serving a full day.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
13 effect October 1, 2003.